with telephone service in tribal districts of Madhya Pradesh; and

(b) if so, the number of Panchayats in rural area connected with communications facility so far?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI BENI PRASAD VARMA) : (a) All Villages of the country are to be provided with at least one Village Public Telephone and Panchayats will automatically get covered under this policy.

(b) Total 19226 Panchayat Villages have been provided with telephone facility in Madhya Pradesh. District-wise details are given in the enclosed Statement.

STATEMENT

District-wise details of gram panchayats with telephone facilities.

S.No.	Name of District	Total No. of villages
1	2	3
1.	Balaghat	464
2.	Bastar	673
3	Betul	475
4.	Bhind	315
5.	Bhopal	127
6.	Bilaspur	907
7.	Chhatarpur	339
8.	Chhindwara	650
9.	Damoh	303
10	Datia	154
11.	Debas	430
12.	Dhar	348
13.	Durg	446
14.	Guna	512
15.	Gwalior	258
16.	Hoshangabad	412
17.	Indore	272
18.	Jabalpur	678
19.	Jhabua	33
20.	Khandwa	534
21.	Khargon	744
22.	Mandla	659
23.	Mandsaur	528
24.	Morena	635
25.	Narsinghpur	365
26.	Panna	159
27.	Raigarh	721
28.	Raipur	1025
29.	Raisen	489
30.	Rajgarh	426
31.	Rajnandgaon	379
32.	Ratlam	218
33.	Rewa	348
34	Sagar	547
35.	Sarguja	299
36.	Satna	331
37.	Sehore	302
38.	Seoni	389
39.	Shahdol	384
40.	Shajapur	456
41.	Shivpuri	440
42.	Sidhi	271
43.	Tikamgarh	254
44.	Ujjain	387
45.	Vidisha	378
	Total	19226

Dilapidated Communication System in Sambal

2055. SHRI D.P. YADAV : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether communication system of Sambal is in a dilapidated condition;

(b) if so, the number of complaints/representation received in this regard; and

(c) the action taken/proposed to be taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI BENI PRASAD VARMA) : (a) and (b) No, Sir, some representations have, however, been received about replacement of the electromechanical exchange by an electronic exchange.

(c) It is planned to replace the existing electromechanical exchange by an electronic exchange, during the current financial year.

[English]

Airlines Expansion

2056. SHRI PRADIP BHATTACHARYA : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether the attention of the Government has been drawn to the news-item captioned, "Airline expansion may lead to traffic chaos in skies" appearing in the Financial Express dated October 1, 1996;